To the Right Hon'ble

FERN HILL,

OOTACAMUND.

14 May.

My dear Mirza.

I send you Mr Eveland's request letter about his Hyderabad claim as we are just advising purchasers.

If any claim is raised, no doubt it can be settled amicably hereafter.

Meanwhile I have written & told Mr Eveland to go ahead with his transaction - No doubt you will communicate with him

All three members of Council's names have been written in His Highness' book!

His Highness told me the other day

that Hamlen Chelly might return his cards & members of Council that I need not do it, but the difficulty is that Hamlen Chelly is away until at return for some time, & his member Mr Stiff is here. This explained, as a matter of etiquette, and also as a response to a friendly agreement that His Highness' cards should be returned soon & I prepare to return them in person this year. This will not bind me in future, as the condition which I gave in writing to HE the Governor was that H H S cards would be returned by any member of his Household. So no precedent will be created. My principal wish, in returning His cards soon is that Lord Wellington should not think that we are in any way delaying His return of cards, & I feel sure that Her Highness will agree. Will You Kindly submit this matter to him?

Heavy rain continues here. Sam very busy on Mi Dame arrangements

What do You think of this afghan business? It seems a great pity that he should turn his head against us for no reason whatsoever.

With Kindest regards

Yours very truly

R Maunsell